

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH

THIRTY-SIXTH CONGRESS—SECOND SESSION.

WASHINGTON, December 8.

**SENATE.**—The Senate assembled at noon. A prayer was offered and the session opened. Pugh appeared, and took his seat. The Journal was read.

Mr. Hale moved that a number of volumes be published in relation to the Pacific Railroad, for the use of the Senate.

Mr. Powell moved the reference of the President's Message, so far as it relates to the present political affairs of the country, to the Committee on the Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Green offered a resolution for an inquiry into the expediency of establishing an armed police force on the border States, and a bill for the purpose of securing peace and efficient execution of the Fugitive Slave Law.

The credentials of Senator Baker, of Oregon, were read.

Mr. Hale moved to reconsider the vote to print the President's Message, and made a speech attacking it, as failing to look secession in the face.

Mr. Hale said: "If you of the North will go to the right we will go to the left and vice versa."

Mr. Iveson: "The States withdrawing during the earlier rebellion. We intend to go out of the Union before the 4th of March next; peacefully, if we can, forcibly, if we must. Five States will go out, and Louisiana, and the Mexicans will call Convention pretty soon."

Mr. Wigfall thought the President would precipitate the measure he intends to avoid.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, asserted that he had no objection to the President's Message, if it would be the best adapted to the Constitution, it would be the best to any act, or continuance any, calculated, or having a tendency to lead to, a secession of the Southern States.

The Senate afterward adjourned.

**HOUSE.**—Mr. Sherman, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill for the payment of the interest on the public debt, and invalid and other pensions; also, a bill for the support of the West Point Military Academy. Referred to the Committee of the Whole.

The House, by 68 against 125, refused to lay on the table Mr. Grow's motion to reconsider the vote by which the Homestead Act was passed. At this session to the Committee of the Whole.

The vote was then reconsidered, and the bill was thus brought up for action.

Mr. Grow said: "I wish to discuss the matter, the principle involved having been tendered to the country for the past ten years. This bill, however, avoids the prominent objection in President Buchanan's Message, which is that it does not propose to donate lands, but requires the payment of \$10 for 160 acres. He might, if necessary, quote Jackson against Buchanan, to show that the public lands should not be a source of Federal revenue. He moved the previous question under the operation of which the bill passed to 75."

After some debate on other matters, the House went into Committee on the Military Academy Bill, which, as well as the Pension Bill was read.

Adjourned.

**Washington Items.**

WASHINGTON, December 8.—The President's Message is condemned by the extremists from both North and South, while conservative members, including those from the border slave States, approve, in the main, the general principles enunciated.

Among the arrivals to-day are Representatives Crawford, of Georgia; Reagan, of Texas; Landrum, of Louisiana; Barksdale, of Mississippi; and others.

Mr. Morris, of Illinois, will to-morrow again endeavor to introduce, and obtain a vote on, his Union resolution, read in the House to-day.

**NEW YORK, December 5.**—*The Herald* publishes correspondence says: "The Commander of Fort Moultrie, at Charleston, has called on the War Department for ammunition, and the Secretary of War has favored the demand, but the other members of the Cabinet differ."

There is a view to relieve the present financial embarrassment of the Government. Mr. Phelps made a proposition this morning to the Committee of Ways and Means, to issue \$10,000,000 of currency.

The introduction of this proposition was postponed for a short time, as the Secretary of Treasury's report on finances is not printed, and the members of the committee are waiting to decide on the propriety of relieving the embarrassment of the treasury.

The Speaker will not announce the speech made by this part of the President's Message referring to secession troubles until Monday, desiring to consult with the members of the different States in order to make the best selection.

Edwin R. Reynolds, elected successor of Mr. Burrows, deceased, took his seat to-day.

The vote on the Homestead Bill to-day was 100 yeas, and 125 nays, as against which the President vetoed it last session. The opposition thereto being from the Southern States, including those from the South contemplating secession.

[By the *Pony Express*.]

**Later From California.**

FORT KENNEY, December 5.—The President's Message has been sent here to-day. The news of the secession movements generally received with regret. No doubt news of importance.

At Sacramento, California, reports of gold discoveries continue as usual.

At Victoria, on the night of November 27, there was an exciting riot between whites and negroes. The negroes attacked the whites; the whites attempted to stop them; a fight ensued, in which several were knocked down.

On the morning of the 28th, the negroes, in turn were driven away by the whites. Order was finally restored, several rioters having been arrested.

**New York City Charter Election.**

NEW YORK, December 5.—The Republican Councilmen are all elected in the Sixth Electoral District. Four Republicans and three Democrats. Alternates are chosen, and nine Democrats are elected. As far as returns go, eleven Republicans Councilmen, eleven Tammany, and two Mourt are chosen.

**Fire in Albany, N. Y.**

ALBANY, N. Y., December 5.—A fire in the Capitol Building, to-day, destroyed 100 volumes of documents, and destroyed the place where the Electoral College was to meet.

**Official Vote of Missouri.**

ST. LOUIS, December 5.—The following the official vote of this State: Douglas, 58,801; Bell, 58,572; Breckinridge, 17,628; Lincoln, 17,628.

**Honore Greeley Presented for Liberty.**

OWEGO, N. Y., December 5.—Hon. Littlejohn has prosecuted Horace Greeley of the New York Tribune, for libels in pending the late election.

**Outward Bound.**

NEW YORK, December 5.—The ship *Albatross* sailed for Liverpool, with 140 passengers and \$17,510 in specie.

**SINISTRE LEXICON AMONG CHURCHY.**

THE Alexandria (Va.) *Sentinel* says a number of ministers in attendance at the Convention of the Methodist Episcopal Church, meeting with severe attacks of Messrs. Haynes and Wallace Duncanson, first attacked, but have recovered. Mr. Sullivan and Mr. Wright struck each other yesterday morning. Mr. Nixon was yesterday evening, convulsed with a severe attack of cholera, and was carried to the hospital. Mr. Nixon was yesterday evening, convulsed with a severe attack of cholera, and was carried to the hospital.